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BUSINESS SCHOOL CHOOSES TEEGAN

**Hildy Teegan will succeed
Joel Smith as dean of Moore
school beginning next week**

Sean Gruber
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Moore School of Business, recently ranked No. 1 in undergraduate international business by US News and World report, has a new dean.

Hildy Teegan will officially begin work next week as the dean of the business school.

She succeeds Joel Smith, who announced his retirement last year after six years of serving as dean of the school.

Teegan was chosen during a nation-wide search conducted by faculty, staff and students of the business school. She was selected over 60 other candidates.

"She emerged as the most qualified and truly outstanding candidate," said Mark Becker, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. "She is a very talented leader and has a history of knowing how to bring people together to accomplish goals and objectives."

Teegan recently served as Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research at George Washington University, according to a news release from the business school's Web site.

Becker said he thinks Teegan will fit in well at the school.

"I think that the students will find her very approachable," said Becker. "She's an outstanding listener...I think the students can look forward to the school prospering under her leadership."

Students of the business school have also expressed confidence in Teegan's leadership abilities.

"I don't think that she would have gotten the position if she wasn't up to it," said Derrick McAlister, a third-year marketing and management student.

Brandon Rogers, a third-year accounting student, also has confidence in Teegan and the school.

"I feel really good about it, real positive," said Rogers. "I'm proud to be in the Moore School of Business. It really opens the doors for you."

Rogers said he hopes Teegan will "carry on where the former dean left off, and continue his legacy."

Shae Chambers, a third-year business student, said it's the job of the new dean to "keep up our reputation as a good business school."

But she has no doubt that Teegan is able to handle the dean position.

"If they (the school) choose her, she'll be good," Chambers said.

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Liz Segrist
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC students can take advantage of the opportunity to travel the world, through the National Student Exchange program and other study abroad programs USC has to offer.

Sara Hartley, a Graduate Assistant for the National Student Exchange, helps to place students in the National Student Exchange.

"We placed 40 students out during the 2006-2007 academic year and will send about the same amount of students out during the 2007-2008 school year," Hartley

said.

This program sends students all over the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

"Our students really want to break out of their comfort zone, experience a new culture and broaden their perspective," Hartley said.

Tammy Wiggins, a third-year accounting student, studied accounting at University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas in Fall 2006.

"I just wanted to do something different. Honestly, it was a spur-of-the-moment decision; I got the flyer in the mail and applied

ABROAD ● A2

Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Tammy Wiggins, a third-year accounting student, spent a semester studying at the University of the Virgin Islands- St. Thomas last fall.



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"Dog Sees God," a parody of the "Peanuts" comic, is a unique mix of music and effects.

Parody play hits stage

Trustus Theatre begins season with 'Peanuts' take-off 'Dog Sees God'

Christina Elmore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Trustus Theatre will kick off its 23rd season Friday with the show "Dog Sees God."

The play is a parody of the "Peanuts" comic strip, by Charles M. Schulz. In the play, a teenage Charlie Brown begins to question if there is an afterlife following the death of his dog, Snoopy.

Along with death, Charlie Brown and his friends face drug use, teen violence, eating disorders and sexual

identity.

"Dog Sees God" is known for its unique style of music and effects.

Sumner Bender, a fourth-year public relations student and the stage manager for the play, believes these characteristics of the show could easily catch the eye of any college student.

"This show incorporates so much more than just theater," Bender said.

Henderson said the show's electric pop sound adds to its appeal.

"This whole show is underscored with modern

alternative music, and every scene flows into the other using stylized movement. When I read the script, I was extremely moved and this is the only way I could see the show being done," Henderson said in a release.

Participating in the cast are various USC students including Matt Haws, an acting graduate student (playing CB, who is Charlie Brown), Martha Hearn, a third-year theatre student (playing CB's sister, who

TRUSTUS ● A3

Hindu temple offers classes, place of peace

**Cultural center will host
India Day on Sept. 29,
with costumes, dance**

Katie Jones
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Hidden on a back road is the Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre of South Carolina.

A partially paved road leads up to the center, which sits on top of a large hill and seems to jump out at drivers as they approach it. With Hindu symbols of good luck painted on every available space of the ground, the center gives off a hopeful energy.

Inside the temple, on a small stereo, Sanskrit songs play and the walls are lined with shrines and gifts to brightly colored gods and goddesses.

Of these many gods and goddesses, three are given special attention.

"Bhamara is the generator of the world, Vishnu the operator of the world and Shiva the destroyer of the world," Hindu priest, Joshi Kumarswami, said.

In its twenty-year history, the temple has grown from its informal beginnings to become the spiritual home for "about 500 people during the week, and over 500 on weekends and holidays,"

Kumarswami said.

The temple holds traditional services, which consists of "pooja," which translates to worship and "bhajans," a devotional song.

The temple also has Bala Gokulam, classes for children that "teach and build the physical, mental, cultural, social and spiritual lives," according to the center's website.

Hindus believe in reincarnation, the belief that the soul is reborn again and again into a new body.

"Every incarnation has a special message for the world," Kumarswami said.

Hindus believe that one's behavior in this life determines their place in the next life.

"I strongly believe in reincarnation," third-year advertising student Bill Holden said. "So what I do in my present life will affect my next life. So I try to be good."

While Kumarswami said he has never faced prejudice living in the Bible Belt, Holden has not been so lucky.

"Some of the people here have a problem with me following Hinduism," Holden said. "I just try to ignore them. I think the people here don't really know what it is." First-year biology student Sowjanya Kadali views

BUSINESS ● A3

Police discuss Internet safety issues

Sheriff's office holds seminars to educate about online threats

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Internet safety is the new hot button issue for Richland County.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department's Community Action Team partnered with the Richland County Recreation Commission to inform and educate the community about Internet safety.

Sessions were held for the past few weeks at various community parks, where students and other community members learned how to be smart about Internet usage.

Cynthia Robinson, the recreation commission public relations director, said the commission was glad to partner with the sheriff's department in educating the community on Internet safety.

Robinson said this was the first time the crime prevention trainings were offered at multiple sites.

Corp. Rafael Gonzalez, deputy and community action team officer, said the department set the trainings up for the community with the goal of influencing parent involvement in their children's usage of the Internet. Gonzalez said the police department has a task force in the Midlands to keep track of negative Internet usages in order to keep the community safe.

"One of the things we do try to do on the Community Action Team is to educate," Gonzales said. "The important part of all this is to be informed, stay informed and let the parents



Matt Splain / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tony Vixlar, a Deputy in the Richland County Sheriff's Department, explains to a class the growing problems of gangs.

know what their kids are doing at all times."

Gonzales said there are some easy general rules to follow.

"If someone is asking you too many personal questions, that's a red flag," he said.

Tony Bixler, deputy and community action team officer, said most Internet predators are adults and prey on children after school with the intention of being

as discreet as possible.

"It's a general rule that children are going to get online after school hours," Bixler said. "From the Internet predators' standpoint, they're going to log on to these chat rooms when children get home."

Albert Gregg, who is a security officer, said he went to the classes to see how the police department addresses crime prevention in the community.

"I just wanted to see how the classes are conducted," Gregg said.

Gregg said parental involvement is important when dealing with Internet safety. Gregg teaches his four-year-old basic computer skills, monitors her on the computer and makes sure he knows what she is doing on the computer.

Betty Crasnickle, an Arcadia Cove Association manager, said coming to

the Internet safety training gives community members knowledge about what to look out for when using the Internet.

Crasnickle said she hopes by attending the training that she can inform homeowners how to keep safe when using the Internet.

"I'm fairly new with the Internet also and with computers myself," Crasnickle said. "I hope

to learn about prevention myself and how to keep my site secure."

Barbara Parks, an office manager, said the training provided her with safety precautions to take when she uses the Internet.

"Basically, I want to see how to check myself on the Internet," Parks said. "I think we all need to work together as a community to do everything we can do to prevent it."

The last training session will be Sept. 16 at Meadowlake Park.

The next training sessions will be held in October. The topic will be personal safety.

For more information on crime prevention techniques and where community trainings will be held, go to www.rcsd.net.

Crime Prevention Seminars

Internet Safety
Meadowlake Park, Sept. 16

Personal Safety
Friarsgate, Oct. 2
Caughman Road, Oct. 4
Forest Lake Park, Oct. 4
Blythewood, Oct. 9
Meadowlake, Oct. 11

Robbery Prevention
Caughman Road, Nov. 1
Forest Lake, Nov. 1
Blythewood, Nov. 13
Meadowlake, Nov. 13
Friarsgate, Nov. 13

Identity Theft
Friarsgate, Dec. 4
Caughman Road, Dec. 6
Forest Lake, Dec. 6
Meadowlake, Dec. 10
Blythewood, Dec. 11

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the next day," Wiggins said.

To apply for this program, a USC student must be full-time with a GPA of at least 2.5, with good academic standing, no disciplinary record and no probation.

Students must attend an interest meeting in mid-January or visit the NSE Web site to submit their application, get an interview and rank their schools to try to get their preferred choice.

The hospitality, retail and sport management school gave away a scholarship for the first two people participating

in an exchange to China, and Stephen Williams took the plunge.

Williams, a fourth-year hotel, restaurant, and tourism management student, is from Batesburg-Leesville, SC.

He studied abroad in Macau, China in Spring 2007 and is now in Guam for Fall 2007.

The National Student Exchange program, also known as the NSE, allows students to pay USC tuition while studying abroad and they can use extra funds from financial aid and scholarship for housing.

"Typically, the only

additional cost is for travel to and from their exchange location," Hartley said. "Of course, the cost of living will vary depending on where the student attends school."

Wiggins paid in-state USC tuition and about \$3,075 to University of the Virgin Islands for room and board.

Williams paid USC's tuition and \$125 a month to live in the apartments owned by the host school, The Institute for Tourism Studies.

Williams said the cost of living is much cheaper in China.

"In the end I paid about

\$500 for housing for the semester," Williams said. "You could easily get a full meal for \$2 easy."

Wiggins said living in the Virgin Islands is very different from her home in Pineville, SC, but that it was a good experience.

"There was just lots to get used to," Wiggins said. "The public transportation system and the way people drive, on the opposite side of the road, is scary."

Williams said it was hard adjusting to less freedom.

"The Chinese are quite used to being told exactly what they need to do,"

Williams said. "The school tells them everything and having my hand held in such a way made me feel like a toddler at times, and it was a bit disconcerting."

Williams said a huge difference from the U.S. and China is the way people were brought up to think.

"In America, things can be very competitive, especially amongst the real go-getters. In China, 99% of the students just wanted to fit in and specifically not be noticed," Williams said.

Wiggins said that she liked visiting different places and learning the culture.


"I liked the beaches on the islands and that I was able to travel to Puerto Rico, Virgin Gorda (British Virgin Islands) and St. John," Wiggins said. "I am more understanding of different cultures now."

Williams was able to visit many places, like Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, mainland China, Hong Kong, Mongolia and Russia while making new friends.

"The cultural immersion allows one to really understand the vast differences, and startling similarities, between groups

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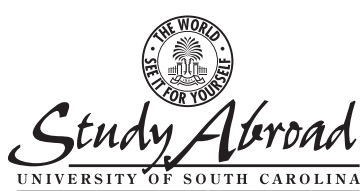


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Vela Rogers, 73, surveys the damage around her home caused by Hurricane Humberto Thursday, Sept. 13 in Stowell, TX.

Hurricane sneaks up on coast

Instant hurricane: Humber fastest-growing storm near land

Juan A. Lozano/Matt Seden
The Associated Press

HIGH ISLAND, TX - Call it the instant hurricane. Humberto, which grew faster than any storm on record from tropical depression to full-scale hurricane landfall, surprised the Texas-Louisiana coast early Thursday with 85-mph winds and heavy rain that knocked out power to more than 100,000 and left at least one person dead. Meteorologists were at a loss to explain the rapid, 16-hour genesis of the first hurricane to hit the U.S. since 2005. "Before Humberto developed, you looked at the satellite imagery the day before, and there was virtually nothing there. This really spun up out of thin air, very, very quickly, said National Hurricane Center specialist James Franklin in Miami. "We've never had any tropical cyclone go from where Humberto was to where Humberto got." Surprising as Humberto was, forecasters said it may have been a blessing that it didn't linger longer over warm waters of the Gulf of

Mexico, which could have given it time to develop into more than a minimal hurricane. Texas coastal residents prepared for a tropical storm rainmaker that would quickly flood the ground already saturated from the wettest summer in 60 years. Although forecasts called for up to a foot of rain, Humberto produced no more than half that and generated much more wind. By late afternoon, it had weakened to tropical depression churning across the Deep South. "We feel very fortunate and blessed it wasn't worse," said Beaumont resident Edward Petty, 50, who was clearing debris outside his home 50 miles northeast of High Island, near where the storm came ashore. "It was amazing to go to sleep to a tropical storm and wake up to a hurricane," he said. "What are you going to do? You couldn't get up and drive away. You couldn't run for it. You just have to hunker down." The only reported death was a man who died in southeast Texas when the carport at his home collapsed, police said.

Humberto made landfall less than 50 miles from where Hurricane Rita did in 2005, and areas of southwest Louisiana not fully recovered from Rita were bracing for more misery. "I'm in a FEMA trailer (because of Rita) and I'm on oxygen," said Albertha Garrett, 70, who spent the night at a shelter in the Lake Charles Civic Center. "I had to come to the civic center just in case the lights would go out, because I'm alone and I'm handicapped." About 100,000 customers lost power in Beaumont and Port Arthur. In Louisiana, the storm flooded highways and knocked out power to about 13,000 homes and businesses. Along Port Arthur's refinery row, three plants were idled until power was restored. Some of the plants could be off-line for several days, even after power is restored, because they must undergo the full restart process. Hurricane center forecasters first mentioned what would become Humberto on Saturday, when it was a disorganized system of showers and thunderstorms stretching from Cuba west over the southern Gulf of Mexico. By 11 a.m. Wednesday, it had organized into a tropical depression with 35 mph winds and by 2 p.m.

was a 45-mph tropical storm, centered just 70 miles off shore. At 1:15 a.m. Thursday, it was upgraded to an 80-mph, Category 1 hurricane, only 15 miles from the coast. Less than two hours later, at 3 a.m., its center roared ashore with 85-mph winds just east of High Island. Only three other storms have pulled off a similar feat, growing from depression to hurricane in 18 hours — Blanche in 1969, Harvey in 1981 and B in 1982 — but all of them were out at sea at the time, not about to crash ashore like Humberto. Experts can't draw conclusions on possible trends of faster-forming hurricanes based on just one storm. Franklin said part of the problem was Humberto was a relatively small-sized storm, making it harder for forecasters and computer models to analyze. One possibility, he said, is that because Humberto was close to landfall, greater friction between air currents and the ground could have forced winds upward into the storm and lended to its intensification. Kerry Emanuel, a meteorology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said it is not so much the positive factors like warm Gulf of Mexico waters that help fuel storms

like Humberto to intensify quickly. It's the lack of negative factors like wind shear that would weaken a storm. The most destructive natural disaster in U.S. history, 2005's Hurricane Katrina, also developed quickly before its first landfall near Miami. It went from a tropical depression to a hurricane in just over two days before hitting Florida. It leveled parts of the Gulf Coast a few days later, part of the busiest hurricane season ever recorded with Rita and Wilma. In Texas, the heaviest rainfall from Humberto was on the Bolivar Peninsula of Galveston Island, which got 6 1/2 inches of rain. In most areas, damage was more nuisance than disaster. But the little town of High Island, known for its sanctuary where exotic migratory birds rest each spring and fall, got walloped. Streets were littered with uprooted trees and other debris. Power lines and telephone poles blocked streets and roofs were torn off convenience stores and homes. Audie Tackett, the principal of the K-12 school in High Island, said he told his staff he only expected minor street flooding and a day off from school. Now, school is expected to reopen Monday.

HEAVY WATER NOT A THREAT

Tests show drinking water near S.C. nuclear waste site safe

Susanne M. Schafer
The Associated Press

More than three dozen tests of private drinking water wells and a pond near a nuclear-waste landfill found trace amounts of tritium, but poses no public health risk, state officials said Thursday. "The drinking water is safe. There is not a problem of high levels of tritium at that site," said Thom Berry, spokesman for the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Nevertheless, the agency will continue testing at the site every three months to assure residents. "They will sample quarterly," Berry said.

Chem-Nuclear runs the disposal site for low-level radioactive waste from hospitals and power plants around the nation. A 2000 state law says that starting next year, it can accept waste only from South Carolina and two other states. Ann Timberlake, executive director of Conservation Voters of South Carolina, was skeptical of the test results. She was pleased for nearby residents but worried the testing might have been done at levels below where tritium previously had been found. "We look forward to having a positive dialogue with DHEC about whether or not they have sufficient authority and sufficient funding to do the job that needs to be done," Timberlake said in a telephone interview. The results came as agency board members heard testimony from environmental officials about the independent tests. The tests were done after media reports raised questions whether tritium that has been found inside the site since the 1970s was leaking into private wells. The testing was conducted by General Engineering Laboratories of Charleston to ensure that no question could be raised about the state agency's methods, Berry said.

Exposure to tritium, an isotope of hydrogen, can increase chances for cancer, researchers say. Tritium bonds with water and moves with the same speed, officials said. Agency officials told the board that tritium was first found on the Barnwell property in 1978 in wells used to monitor a landfill site. The element was found in 1991 on property owned by Chem-Nuclear. The EPA's standard for tritium is 20,000 picocuries per liter. It is a naturally occurring element, like the substance radon, Berry noted. Of the four wells that were tested, three registered trace amounts and one well registered 1,890 picocuries, the officials said. Because of that result, a retest of the same well water sample was done. It found no tritium and a third test again found no tritium, state officials said. In a statement, Chem-Nuclear said it also had conducted drinking water tests for any resident, and their studies found that none of the wells had been affected.

Mother faces homicide charges

Heyward hid bodies of her already dead children in home

Bruce Smith
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON - Two young children whose bodies were found stuffed in trash bags under their mother's apartment sink had already died from the heat in her sweltering car, a coroner said Wednesday. Sametta Heyward faces two counts of homicide by child abuse in the July 29 deaths of her children Triniti Campbell, 1, and Shawn Campbell Jr., 4. "The autopsy shows just what we thought it would, that the children died of

overheating," said Berkeley County Coroner Glenn Rhoad, who released the autopsy results Wednesday. Heyward's attorney said Wednesday he was not surprised by the autopsy results but declined to discuss them in detail. "I think it's pretty consistent with what we knew ahead of time," said Charleston attorney Andy Savage. Once a mental evaluation of Heyward is complete, Savage said he may ask for bail. "She's still having some real depressive episodes," he said. Prosecutor Blair Jennings said Heyward, who remains in jail, has not yet entered a plea but is expected to have a preliminary hearing within a few weeks. Heyward was a single

mother who was scheduled to work a double shift at a county-run group home for people with disabilities. When a baby sitter canceled, authorities said she went on to work, leaving her children in the hot car with battery-powered fans, food and drinks. Temperatures outside climbed into the upper 80s, but could have reached 130 degrees in the car, authorities said. Rhoad said there is no way to pinpoint the exact time of deaths, "but it appears it was at the time the children were in the car and their mother was at work." Heyward came home to her apartment in Hanahan about midnight, washed and dressed the children and then put them in trash bags. The bags, tied at the top, were



Tony Smith / The Associated Press

The two young children died of heat exhaustion.

found under the kitchen sink in her apartment, authorities said. She told relatives that when she got to the car that

Sunday night, the children were unconscious and had weak pulses. But the coroner said the children were dead by then.

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IN OUR OPINION

Day off for sex proves Russians aren't so cold

A Russian provincial governor wants citizens to stay home from work and have sex. No, you read that right. For the third straight year Sergei Morozov, governor of Ulyanovsk, declared Wednesday “family contact day” and called on couples to take the day off and do their patriotic duty.

In response to a sharp population decline since the fall of the Soviet Union, the government is offering prizes to couples who give birth to a baby on June 12, Russia's

Sergei Morozov, governor of Ulyanovsk, called on couples to take the day off and do their patriotic duty.

national day, exactly nine months after Ulyanovsk takes its region-wide mental health day. According to BBC, the initiative has worked, increasing the birth rate in the region by 4.5 percent in the past year.

Morozov is pleased, saying family contact day is making Russians happier and instilling a stronger sense of family. Or maybe he was just looking forward to staying home from work.

In addition to creating a new generation of Russians with the same birthday, Ulyanovsk finds itself at the forefront of a revolutionary technique of stimulating national population growth.

With the birth rate in the United States outstripping the death rate by close to 75 percent, it is unlikely that Gov. Sanford will call on South Carolinians to get to know their spouses better this Oct. 4, but we salute Gov. Morozov and the people of Ulyanovsk for putting their country first.

In a related note, USC's Study Abroad Fair takes place tomorrow on the second floor of the Russell House.

Anyone feel like going to Russia?

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Media should recognize USC victory

Gamecocks earned win against Bulldogs, analysts need to credit team skill

The evening of Sept. 8th, 2007 was a glorious one for South Carolina football fans, who were treated to an old-fashioned defensive slugfest between their Gamecocks and the nationally ranked Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, with USC emerging victorious in the waning moments of the game.

Needless to say, there was much jubilation in Columbia when the Bulldogs' last gasp, a deflected pass that was eventually picked by Gamecocks stalwart linebacker Jasper Brinkley, was choked out.

My initial reaction to the game was that it was well played by both teams, with both offenses being stymied time and time again by unrelenting defenses, save for the lone Cory Boyd touchdown.

What I can't seem to find at all is any credit given to USC by any popular analysts or networks such as ESPN on their first, and hopefully not last, signature victory of the season.

USC didn't beat a Georgia team that "didn't show up" this past Saturday. They hung defensively with a tough Georgia team and weathered a number of challenges throughout, such as redshirt freshman Knowshon Moreno's 50-yard burst through the



MIKE WUNDERLICH
First-year journalism student

heart of the Gamecock defense in the second half that roused the Georgia faithful.

Georgia receiver Sean Bailey said, "I feel like we beat

ourselves."

Correct, there were some missed opportunities during the game for Georgia to capitalize on, but isn't that how games are won, by capitalizing on the other team's mistakes?

Give credit to the Gamecocks, they didn't just sneak into Athens and luck out against the Bulldogs.

They entered a hostile environment, hungry to prove that their porous defense against Louisiana-Lafayette was an aberration, as well as deeming themselves capable of competing with the traditional SEC powers in any setting.

So far, there's been nothing but how bad the Georgia team played or how they just managed to beat themselves.

Let this then be an exception to the popular belief that Georgia tanked against South Carolina this past Saturday.

South Carolina proved this past weekend that under Steve Spurrier, progress is being made and that soon, if not now, the

Gamecocks will be a viable player in one of college football's most powerful conferences in Division I-A.

This weekend, the Gamecocks focus their sights on the South Carolina State Bulldogs, maybe not as notable a Bulldog team as the previous opponent with such a moniker, but who hasn't forgotten what once little known Appalachian State did to Michigan in the first week of the college season?

With a victory against SC State, the Gamecocks set the stage for a matchup of monolithic proportions against a team many believe to be the best in the land, the Louisiana State Tigers, led by one of the most unrelenting defenses in recent memory.

With the triumph over Georgia still fresh in Columbia, optimism runs high for the Gamecocks, and, one wonders, just how good are these Gamecocks?

Provided a victory against SC State, we'll have a very good idea when the Spurrier-led Gamecocks march into Death Valley in Baton Rouge.

Until that time, give credit where credit is due. South Carolina beat a legitimate team with tenacious defense and an opportunistic offense that did just enough to wrench a victory away from a heated rival in hostile conditions.

IN YOUR OPINION

fortunate to have means of defending themselves are ever called to serve, no matter how just their cause.

Jamie Coslett
Fourth-year philosophy student

Student benefits, not making problems should be SG focus

The impeachment of Nick Payne is probably one of the stupidest things I've ever heard of. Sen. Holt is throwing a temper tantrum over a \$2 fee increase.

Are you kidding me? Why hasn't he stepped up to say anything about the increased tuition, ridiculous book prices or increased parking fees? Why doesn't he fight for us in these areas?

Oh wait. He did say, "The parking problem needs to be ameliorated, but I hope The Daily Gamecock will leave such

reform to individuals who think about these things regularly instead of rushing to judgment by printing a weakly founded proposal."

Apparently he doesn't think about this problem either. It takes me 20 minutes on average to park in the Coliseum. Some days I even wind up by the Palmetto Pig. Obviously a \$2 fee increase is way more important to fuss about. I honestly didn't notice the increase and I don't think many others did. It's two dollars! Why doesn't Senator Holt do something productive with his time?

This is why we elected him: to help serve the students and help improve USC. Creating an all-out war over a \$2 fee increase is an absolute waste of time. It just prevents SG from doing things that will actually benefit the student body.

Ivey Hatfield
Fourth-year public relations student

SG should ask students' opinions, do more good

Reconnecting with voters necessary in addressing issues of true importance

I had to put a hiatus on the FairTax after I saw this SG business. While Burkarth gave an accurate (and humorous) opinion of the current situation, I believe the latest incident is

only one small sign of the rift between SG and the student body as a whole.

Many users commented about the great things SG has done in response to Burkarth's

column. The problem is the only people who feel this way seem to be, in fact, people somehow connected to SG.

This summer, my boss told me that we could be right but wrong. While I nodded (he's the boss) I didn't totally understand it until now.

My boss said that even though we might do something that makes sense based on what you learn in school and read in textbooks, if it's not what the customer wants, it's not right. It could be in 1,000 textbooks, documented in 100 newspapers and backed up by the world's best economists, but if the customer isn't happy, it's wrong. End of discussion.

SG has forgotten who their "customers" are. One main thing they championed is the grade forgiveness program. So we spent countless manpower last year on the one bill that only helps kids who got a D or F in a class?

I would also wager that people pulling D's and F's either 1) won't be here long enough to benefit from said bill or 2) don't care, and that's why they got an F.

Last year, some motivated students tried to get a blackout going for the Tennessee game. It really had some steam. SG then got behind the idea to wear garnet to the game.

It's not the fact that getting everyone to wear garnet is a bad idea—it's a great idea. Just not when you kill a student initiative in the process. It's the perfect example of how SG has become disjointed from the general student body.

It goes back to what my boss said. If you think are you are doing a lot of good for students, but they don't think so, your hard work doesn't matter (not to be harsh, but this is the reality of things).

The fact is, nobody in SG has EVER asked me my opinion or what I thought except when they came to a club meeting asking for my vote. Ever.

Of course, I could be an exception, but I'm beginning to think that's not the case.

I do want to make it clear, however, I do not believe SG to be inherently worthless or beyond repair —rather, I wish this disconnect would be remedied.

As John Donne wrote "no man is an island, entire of itself."

SG, you have the power and talented individuals to do good at this school, but you need to build the bridge back to the mainland. It's time to remember the constituents you left behind when you were elected.



JOSH RABON
Fourth-year finance student

New biopic chronicles life of Dylan

Fans obsess over, idolize musical legends for fascinating lives, provocative stories

In the same vein as Ray Charles and Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan has finally gone the way of the biopic.

Dylan’s essence has been captured before on celluloid in D.A. Pennebaker’s “Don’t Look Back” and Martin Scorsese’s “No Direction Home.” But recently Dylan finally signed his approval for Todd Haynes’ “I’m Not There.”



COLIN JONES
Second-year Journalism student

The film, which features actors such as Christian Bale, Richard Gere and Cate Blanchett portraying the musicians, brings up a point about musicians in our society.

Dylan has been lauded as a prominently influential individual in music and is even obsessed over by millions of fans. But in terms of musicians and their admirers everywhere, when does this interest go from a love of music to absolute musical idolatry?

While these musicians may be colorful and enriched people, we as a society lift them up to the pillars of

greatness that stretch far past the reaches of fascination.

I am guilty of this musical obsession just as almost everyone is. We hang photos and posters all over our rooms and speak of the brilliance of these artists. Many of us walk around with pictures of them plastered on our apparel. But these so-called idols are nothing more than people we admire.

They all may have interesting stories that people see as testaments to their power as musicians. This doesn’t necessarily mean we need to learn every single detail about their life.

But for the world and myself it is enjoyable to get to know these shining individuals and learn how they achieved at their craft.

Dylan is human and, as provocative as he may seem, that’s all he will remain: another human being on the planet earth.

What sets him apart is that he succeeded where many have not and brought a movement to the spotlight. He is just the same as the many other musicians in the world of music like Nirvana’s Kurt Cobain, The Doors’ Jim Morrison and others who face the spotlight with



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Todd Haynes directs the new Bob Dylan biopic “I’m Not There,” just one of the many films on Dylan’s influential life.

admiration and disgust as well.

Popularity can be a curse for these individuals and tear a hole in their fabric of reality.

Dylan has shunned the

spotlight, but the popularity follows him wherever he goes. Even though his career has spanned over 40 years he still garners the same amount of support he had in his heyday.

Cobain found that his popularity was overwhelming and in a way it eventually led to his tragic suicide. But while he was performing he connected with a generation of individuals and changed

their outlook on life.

This just shows how musicians can affect us all in everyday life. We love and adore these people, but they don’t even know who we

DYLAN ● A7

Museum of Art hosts Poets Summit

Award winning poets will read work at event sponsored by South Carolina’s Poetry Initiative

Tomorrow the Columbia Museum of Art will be a place of expression and metaphor, a place of emotion and rhyme—that is, a place of poetry. The 2007 Poets Summit: Exploring the Art and State of Poetry will be a day of celebration for everything poetic sponsored by South Carolina’s Poetry Initiative.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to hear read the poetry of award winning poets Marilyn Nelson, Kevin Young and native South Carolina poet Nathalie Anderson.

Nelson is the author or translator of 12 books and three chapbooks, and her books and poetry have won numerous awards. Her poetry deals with topics such as relationships, families, society, spirituality and the role of women in marriage and society. She has also written humorous poems for children about the joys and difficulties of family life.

Kevin Young is currently the Atticus Haygood Professor of English and Creative Writing and curator of the Raymond

Danowski Poetry Library at Emory University. When describing Young’s poetry, the poet Lucille Clifton has said, “This poet’s gift of storytelling and understanding of the music inherent in the oral tradition of language re-creates for us an inner history which is compelling and authentic and American.”

Nathalie Anderson is a Professor of English Literature and the Director of the Program in Creative Writing at Swarthmore College and serves as Poet in Residence at the Rosenbach Museum and Library. Anderson has published scores of award-winning and positively received poems. She has also written libretti for two operas, “The Black Swan” and “Sukey in the Dark.”

Lee Brice’s first collection of poetry, “Day Mark,” was released in 2005. She received a New York Foundation for the Arts Award for Poetry and has been a Poetry Fellow at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. She is also the executive

director for New York City’s Poets House, a national poetry archive and meeting place for poets and poetry readers.

In light of their experience she and Nelson will speak about “Places for Poetry and Poets.”

The late poet Sekou Sundiata will be remembered and honored with a special musical performance and reading. Even though he often recorded his poems with musical accompaniment he said of himself, “I’m satisfied with just calling myself a poet.” Musicians he worked with include Craig Harris, David Murray, Nona Hendryx, and Vernon Reid, among others.

In addition to readings and performances there will be a speech by Stephen Young on What’s Happening with Poetry Today. Young is the Program Director for The Poetry Foundation which actively seeks to promote poetry in the public consciousness and get the best poetry to the largest number of people possible.

The event will also feature a round table discussion of Poetry in South Carolina by poets discussing places, events and programs in their region of the state.

When asked about the poets summit, South Carolina Poetry Initiative Assistant Director Charlene Spearen said, “This year’s Poets Summit is the Poetry Initiative’s fourth annual poets summit. And, without doubt, it is going to be one of the strongest yet. I say this because it meets all of the initial goals outlined for this event. Professor and poet Kwame Dawes, who is the Founder and Director of the Poetry Initiative, envisioned this event to be place where poets from around the state could come together to celebrate and discuss this form of art from a multitude of perspectives. If you are a student on campus, a faculty or staff member or anyone who is interested in any form of poetry, you should plan on attending this event.”

POETRY ● A7

Celebrity world continues misbehavior

Kid Rock

Sunna Raja
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Two hardcore rockers battling it out over one super fly chick. Does this scenario sound all too familiar? If you were one of the less fortunate individuals who watched this past Sunday’s VMA show, you should know exactly what we’re talking about. MTV’s 2007 VMAs not only gained the title of “worst opening performance ever to be seen on national television” (they can thank Britney Spears for that later), they also managed to piss off Kanye West in the process and, to top it all off, the whole crowd got front row seats to watch Kid Rock and Tommy Lee brawl it out right in

the midst of everything. Eyewitnesses claim that Kid Rock was the instigator in this situation when he threw the first punch at Tommy Lee. Shocker, we know. Lucky for the two of them, nobody was hurt. Well, nobody except for Alicia Keys, whose feelings probably got hurt when her performance was rudely interrupted. Although this years VMAs were more unbearable to watch than perhaps some of the worst auditions on “American Idol,” the network should consider sending thank you letters to Kid Rock and Tommy Lee for keeping the show at least semi-entertaining. I guess it’s safe to say that Vegas may not be big enough to house all these insanely bizarre celebrities. Maybe it’s just best to leave that up to the Big Apple.

Rocker battles, bad attitudes, drug use, carousel rehab visits still characterize lives of rich and famous

Lily Allen

Andrea Pelnar
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

“He’s a sanctimonious prat!” This ballsy statement belongs to none other than Lily Allen. The British songstress has generated a lot of press this year from her punk-like behavior. While her outspoken behavior may seem a bit rehearsed, Allen exudes a hint of brilliance in her actions and speech. The singer’s youthful mischievousness is something we all crave and something we all tend to keep under wraps. Allen’s “take-on-the-world”



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attitude never disappoints, but it is her underlying feminism that deserves the most attention. Unlike most female artists, Lily Allen sports a fuller figure and she is not afraid to vocalize the deviant, yet vulnerable female persona.

Amy Winehouse

Mary Pina
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Maybe Amy Winehouse should go back to rehab. The up-and-coming soul singer has been behaving badly.

Aug. 9—Winehouse collapses on stage after a near overdose on the drugs heroin, ecstasy, cocaine and the horse tranquilizer ketamine and was admitted to the hospital, according to thedailyemail.co.uk.

Aug. 14—Gossip Web Site thesuperficial.com and thedailyemail.co.uk both report Winehouse admitted her collapse was due to a cocktail of heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and ketamine. Both Winehouse and husband Blake Fielder-Civil check themselves into rehab.

Aug. 16—Winehouse checks herself out of rehab after 48 hours, according to thesuperficial.com.

Aug. 17—Winehouse

checks back into rehab.

Aug. 24—Winehouse and hubby battle it out in a hotel, according to thesuperficial.com and tmz.com. Pictures from both Web sites show the couple bloody and bruised. Her husband apparently found Winehouse doing drugs and cutting herself at the hotel.

Aug. 28—Winehouse’s in-laws call for her fans to boycott her music on BBC 5 radio, according to thesuperficial.com. She is also seen vacationing in the Caribbean.

Sept. 1—According to tmz.com, Winehouse vomited blood all over her Caribbean hotel room.

Sept. 4—Winehouse’s last performance, at the Mercury Music awards.

Not only is Winehouse seemingly cracking up—she has cancelled her U.S. tour dates—but, according to her Web site, her overseas tour dates still stand. Does this bad behavior mean the end of this talented singer?

PIC OF THE DAY



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Amanda Francisco, a peer leader for a University 101 class, plays a game of "Gamecock Jeopardy" with her freshman students to familiarize them with USC.

Inside the Box ♦ By Marlowe Leverette



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DYLAN • Continued from A6

are. We accept them as one of our own and they even become a part of ourselves. They have lived the American dream, whatever that may be, and we envy them for their status in society and ability to create.

I have not seen the Dylan biopic, and I don't even know how it will portray the musician. But one thing I do know is just like everybody else, I'm curious to find out.

Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockfeatures@gwm.sc.edu

POETRY • Continued from A6

The Poets Summit is being held at the Columbia Museum of Art. The free even it open to the public and goes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be breakfast muffins and coffee, a catered lunch and an open mic session.

the scene at USC

Fast Times at Ridgemont High



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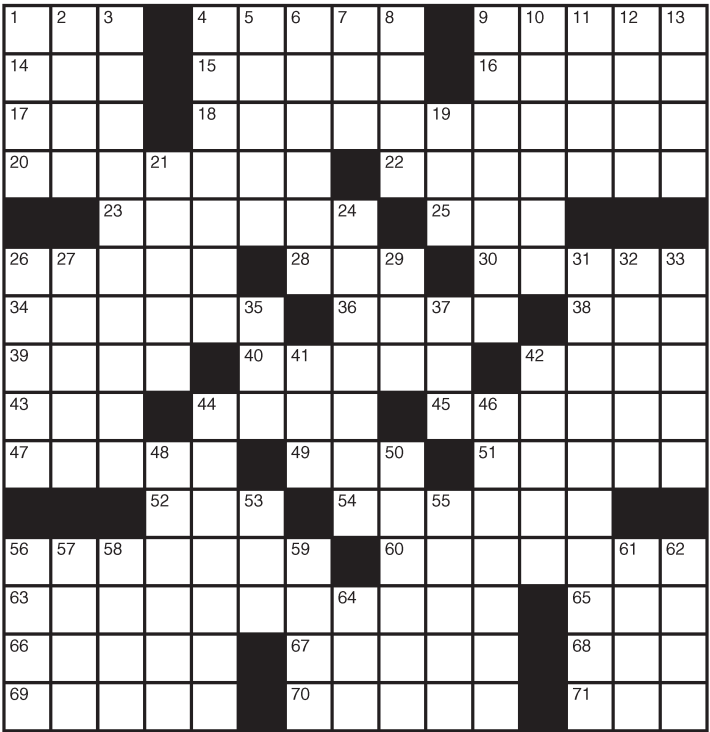
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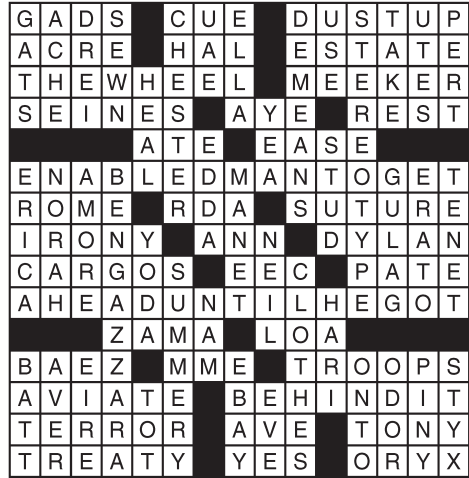
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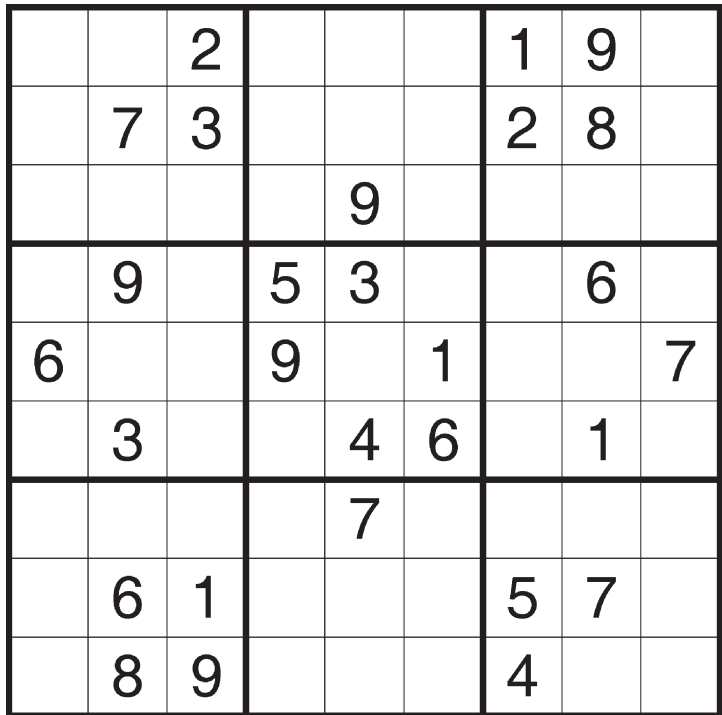
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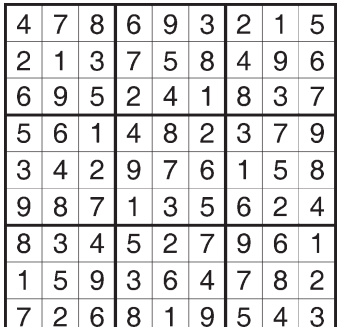


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mike davis

breaking away from the pack

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When kids get to high school, the simplicity of cruising through life on a bicycle crumbles to the social pressure of having a new set of wheels-this time four, not two. But how was it that one of the most talented football players Columbia High School has ever seen still pedaled his way home from the field every day?

While other kids were revving their engines and comparing cars in the parking lot, Mike Davis was hopping on his 10-speed to bike the two miles home-whether it was home from school, practice or a game where he had dominated the defense.

It didn't matter that he was a freshman running back starting on varsity, or that he was working on a football career that would take him to South Carolina, or even that it may not have been considered cool anymore to ride a bike - all that mattered was that it was his ride home.

"What you see is what you get with Mike," Columbia High School academic coach Kyrstin Krist said. "He's

a genuine kid, and he understands that he's a role model to a lot of people."

Being put into the spotlight at the age of twelve isn't easy, but it's something that Davis has taken in a stride. With the athleticism of his family, it's no wonder that he came into this world practically already running routes. His mother was a track star, and all three of his sisters excelled in basketball.

"The first time I saw Mike play was when he was in seventh grade," Columbia High School coach Kember Amick said. "He stood out as a big muscular kid at that age, and I told the Clemson football coach about him then."

Through high school, a special relationship developed between Amick and the protégé that was emerging from his program. While Davis' biological father was in the stands every Friday night, his second father figure was pacing the sideline as head coach.

Davis has always been the kind of guy that everyone wants to be around. And as he became more successful, that group of people who wanted to be around him began to include college football coaches. The bright light on him intensified throughout high school, but instead of reveling in the attention, he gave other teammates a chance to shine, too.

Take his senior year, when he had 29 touchdowns. The Columbia High record for touchdowns in a season was just one simple, highly feasible touchdown away at 30, but instead of running in that last touchdown to tie the record, what did Davis do? He let his fullback Stanley Taylor come in as the tailback, so that Taylor ended up scoring three TD's that game rather than Davis beating the record.

By the time he graduated, Davis had rushed for 5,517 yards, scored 68 touchdowns and was looked upon as the best running back prospect in the state. But as a junior when Davis started to look at colleges and assess them for their football programs-something clicked in his mind.

He realized the keys to the football field were his books. In order to have a chance to make it in college football, he would have to make the grades and bring the same work ethic that he brings to the field to the classroom.

Amick, Krist and Davis all worked together to formulate a game plan for Davis. As Krist is the only academic coach in the state of South Carolina, having her to consult with gave Davis a unique advantage.

Davis ultimately made the decision to continue attending Columbia High in the fall for football, but to go to Glenforest School in the spring for a more one-on-one academic experience. Glenforest is a private school with just over a hundred kids between kindergarten and twelfth grade.

"Coming from a predominantly black school, Glenforest gave me the chance to be around people from different cultures," Davis said. "It made me more versatile and it was small so it helped me academically."

The bond between Krist and Davis was cemented as under Krist's watchful eye, Davis worked hard in school and learned that he could handle a classroom just like he could a field. Davis not only handled the transition from an inner-city black school to a nearly all-white school with kids between the ages of five and 18, but he really grew from it as a person. Krist watched him before a leader not only in the classroom, but also on the field and in the community after he made the switch to Glenforest.

"Mike's like a chameleon, he can adapt to anything," Krist said. "He was my sidekick. I picked him up every day to go to school, and dropped him off on my way home."

When Davis had to make one of the most life-altering decisions that a young athlete has to make, choosing a college, Krist was right there with him.

"We talked on the phone until two in the morning the night before he had to make the decision," Krist said. "I picked him up at seven the next morning, and it was on the way to the press conference where he announced

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This week's preview:
South Carolina vs. SC State

Receivers need big showing Saturday

Agile passer focus of USC defense

Spurrier warns against looking past first meeting with Bulldogs
Ty Ziegler
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Many Carolina fans may possess extreme confidence heading into this weekend. This would seem logical considering the Gamecocks are coming off an upset of a top-15 ranked SEC division rival on the road. Now, coming home, the football team will host an in-state Division 1-AA opponent who was blown out by Air Force.
However, for those fans looking for USC to hang fifty points or so on SC State, be aware that Coach Spurrier does not share that confidence.
“We’re not good enough to be overconfident. We’re not any big powerhouse that thinks we can pick our opponents” USC coach Steve Spurrier said of his team earlier this week.
If Carolina is to have success throwing the ball downfield, they will have to find another reliable receiver after Kenny McKinley. On the year, McKinley has 13 catches
The other wide receivers have combined for only five catches and 47 yards.

“We haven’t been able to throw the ball downfield. We haven’t done much of anything. Our passing game is very average at best” Spurrier said of South Carolina’s lack of big passing plays.
With a reliance on the running game and short passes, the tight end position has become much more prominent in Spurrier’s offense. Three tight ends have combined for 130 receiving yards on nine receptions.

The success of the offense may hinge on how well the offensive line plays. While the line played better in the Georgia game than it did against Louisiana-Lafayette, Spurrier feels the blocking could be better.
Spurrier said of the offensive line, “We had trouble pass-blocking those guys. Blake did a pretty good job taking care of the ball. He had a lot of pressure. Whether we can pass-block South Carolina State, I don’t know. We haven’t really pass-blocked anybody yet.”
Certainly pass blocking is important, but the line will need to create holes to open up the running game as well.

Cory Boyd and Mike Davis have combined for 273 rushing yards in the first two games to go along with 89 receiving yards.
SC State surrendered 279 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns in their season opener. Boyd and Davis will certainly be looking to make some big plays.
Despite the ugly numbers in their opener, SC State responded last week by limiting conference opponent Bethune-Cookman to no offensive touchdowns. Redshirt Sophomore Markee Hamlin was named the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week after registering 11 tackles in the game against Bethune-Cookman.
SC State may attempt to mix things up on defense with the versatile Junior Marshall McFadden. A first-team All-MEAC selection, McFadden rotates between linebacker and safety depending on the opposition’s offensive scheme; a position the Bulldogs refer to as “Dog” safety.
If fans are to take Spurrier at his word, they should not expect a lopsided score such as the 52-7 thrashing of Middle Tennessee State last November. Clearly, Spurrier has much more respect for this week’s opponent, and more humility about his team’s own capabilities.
“They should get excited to play their very best and do everything they can to beat us. This is their chance to create a memory of a lifetime,” Spurrier said.

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that school he had chosen that he actually chose South Carolina.”
And so far, it’s been a good fit not only for Davis, but also for his coaches and his teammates who look to him as a leader and as a dominant running back for USC.
Cory Boyd remembers the first time that he met Davis a couple years ago at a bowling alley. Passing each other on their way out, the two didn’t know about the bond that would form between them

Production from entire unit needed to shut down option attack
Langston Ross
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Zero five-star recruits. Zero All-American freshmen from a year ago. Zero total experience playing in front of 80,000 fans.
These are all the things that South Carolina State football team doesn’t have, but one thing they do have that Carolina has struggled with is a dual-threat quarterback named Cleveland McCoy.
McCoy won’t dazzle you with his ability to throw 60-yard touchdown passes or an incredible quarterback rating, but he does possess an amazing ability to scramble away from danger when flushed from the pocket.
During the Tyrone Nix defensive era, Carolina has struggled with quarterbacks that can than just throw. In the home opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, Carolina allowed 252 yards on the ground, with 116 coming from quarterback Mike Desormeaux.

“They run an option and will give us the same kind of run action that Louisiana-Lafayette did. You have to do your assignments and tackle them all. Tackle the guys that are faking and tackle the quarterback.” USC coach Steve Spurrier said of this weekend’s upcoming game with the Bulldogs.

This won’t be a battle that the front seven needs to win Saturday against the option-heavy Bulldogs, the entire defensive unit will need to be ready to go.
Along with the senior McCoy in the backfield, State will feature sophomore running back William Ford, who is averaging 4.8 yards per carry this year.

Senior linebackers Jasper and Casper Brinkley, along with a host of other linebackers, will need to tackle well and make sure they slow down the run attack of the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are coming off a 271-yard performance against Bethune-Cookman.
“It should be a heckuva game. They are picked to win their conference this year. They are just getting started. We’re just getting started into

our year,” Spurrier said. “They have a bunch of good athletes. They have a bunch of guys that can play for us, I know that. I’m sure they will be excited to play their very best and do everything to beat us.”
Spurrier, who said he is looking forward to the inaugural meeting between the two schools, isn’t worried about a hangover from his teams win over Georgia last or them looking forward to next weekend’s contest at LSU.
“It’s a good game. Instead of bringing in teams like Louisiana-Lafayette, bring in South Carolina State or Wofford,” Spurrier said. “If they beat us, they beat us. Coaches are always worried about somebody beating you. Everyone on the schedule can beat you.”

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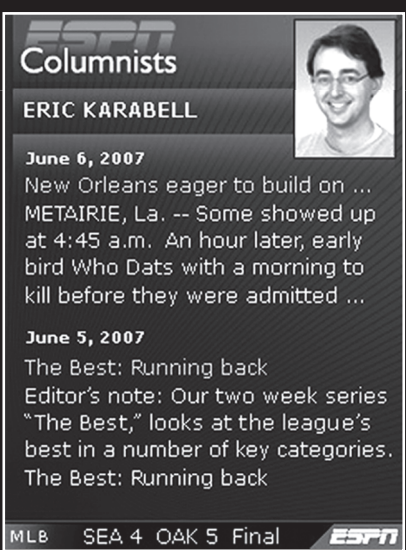
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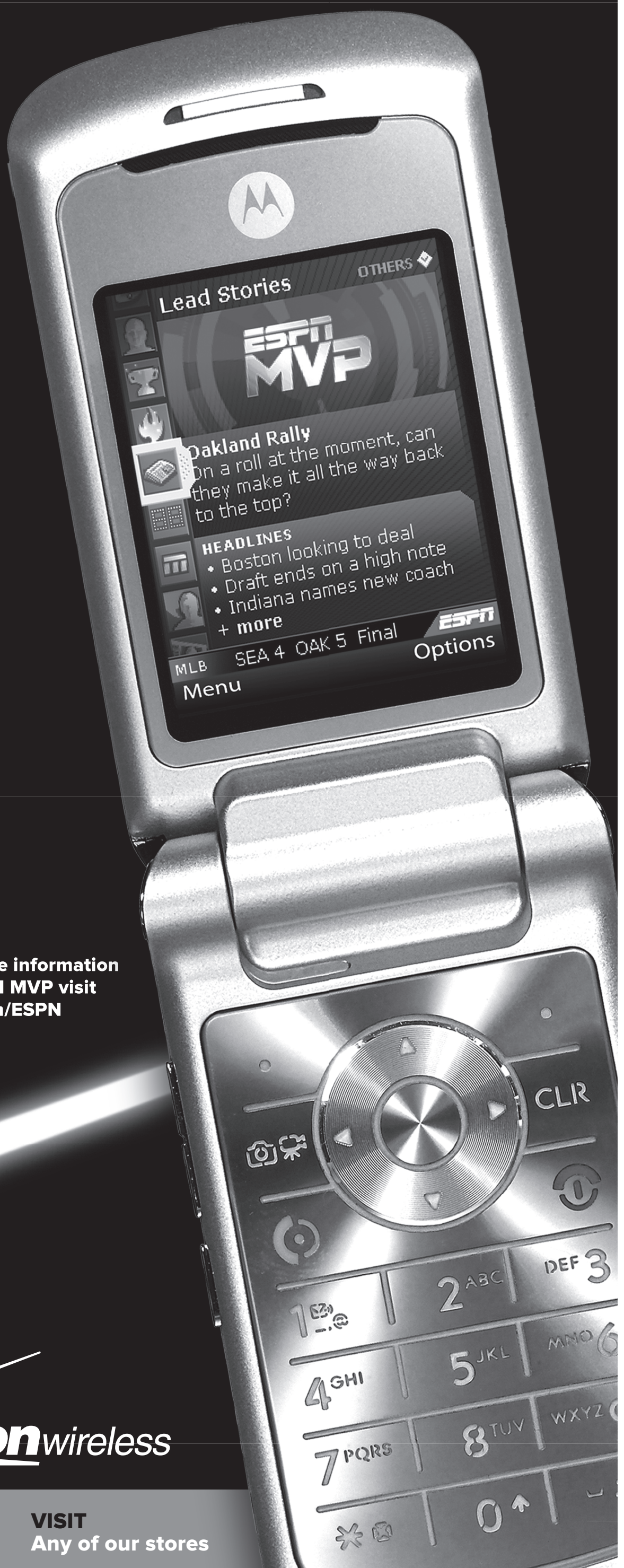
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Questions with Jake Broom

1. Can the Gamecocks avoid looking forward to next week's game against LSU?

The biggest opponent facing the Gamecocks this week isn't S.C. State, but LSU. If USC looks ahead to next week's game at Baton Rouge, things could get a little dicey.



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2. Will S.C. State be better than USC in any aspect of the game?

S . C . State has some good players, but overall their

talent doesn't match up well with the Gamecocks.

But there is one area that S.C. State completely dominates USC: the band.

S.C. State's band, the Marching 101, will play songs that people in their 20s have actually heard before. They will run, jump, dance and almost make you forget how much you hate halftime.

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We are the post-baby

Britney, lugging around 25 extra pounds of hair extensions and beer gut looking like someone you'd normally only find giving tours of the grand canyon or checking you in at South of the Border. Ok, I took that way too far for a sports column.

3. Will Spurrier's changes to the special teams make a difference?

I'm not sure if Spurrier's vow to put more starters on special teams will make a huge difference statistically. But I am looking forward to seeing the Brinkley twins sprint full-speed down the field and actually separate someone's torso from their

legs in front of 80,000 completely horrified fans.

4. Could USC move up in the rankings to make the LSU game a top-15 match up?

USC is ranked No. 17 in the AP poll, and could move up before next week's game with No. 2 LSU. No. 15 Georgia Tech plays Boston College, No. 14 Nebraska plays No. 1 Southern Cal, No. 10 Ohio State travels to face Washington (please don't sleep on my boy Jake Locker, Washington's quarterback) and No. 9 Louisville plays at Kentucky. At least two of those teams will lose, giving USC a chance to bump up into the

top 15. If No. 16 Arkansas loses to Alabama, a USC win would virtually guarantee a top-15 ranking.

I guess what I'm saying is ... yes, they could move up.

5. Xavier who?

S.C. State defensive end Xavier Littleberry said Tuesday that his "pass rush skill is going to shine" against the Gamecocks. He said his goal is to have at least four sacks, and added "As long as I beat up Blake Mitchell, that is a perfect game for me."

Littleberry, who transferred to S.C. State from Clemson after playing only nine plays in his two years as a Tiger, is one of

those people who just can't stand living his life without people thinking he is an idiot.

After being kicked out of Clemson for various reasons (including being arrested for allegedly beating up his girlfriend and being sent home from the Champs Sports Bowl for allegedly exposing himself to a hotel maid), you'd think this guy would want to lay low for a while.

If I had a track record of stupidity and embarrassment like Littleberry, I'd probably just keep my mouth shut.

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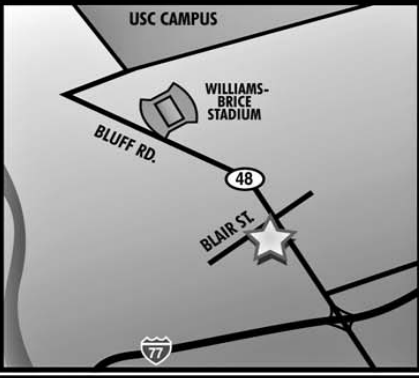
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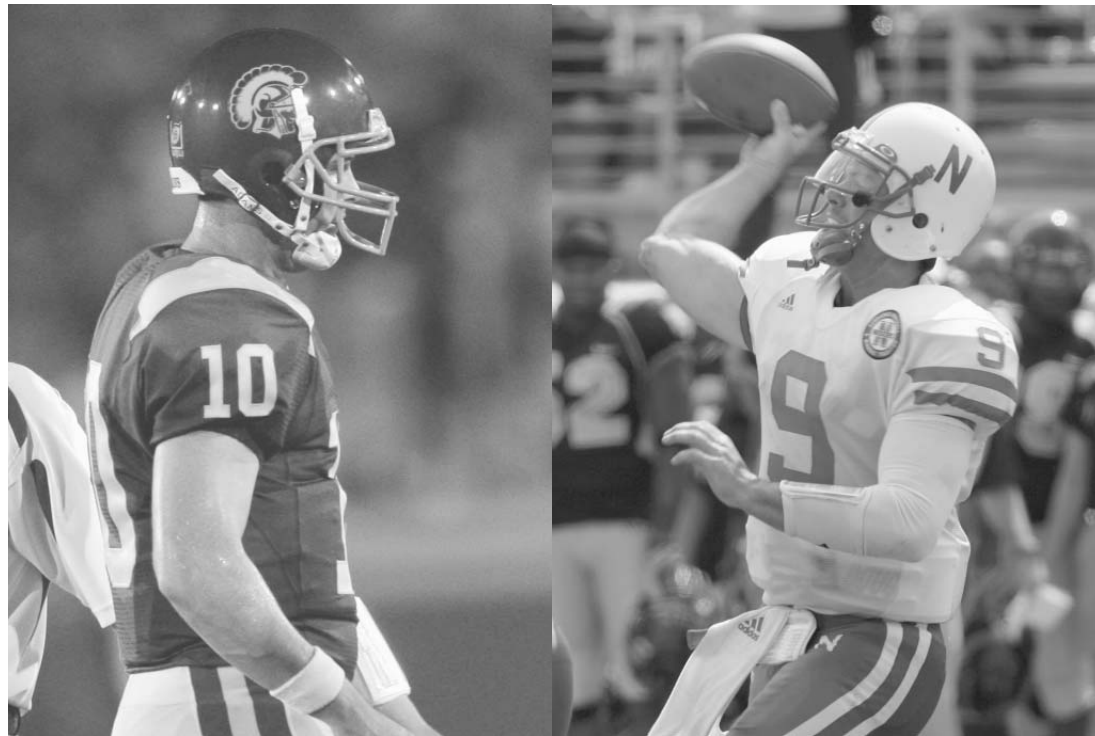
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Rankings, BCS title shots on the line



Senior Erik Ainge gets his final chance at an SEC crown as Tennessee faces No. 5 Florida in Gainesville this weekend. Ainge leads the SEC in passing yards, Florida leads in scoring.

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John David Booty and the top-ranked Trojans will look to solidify their place atop the polls as they travel to Lincoln to face an upstart Nebraska squad led by Sam Keller.

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as South Carolina's top running backs this year.

They've come a long way from the sociable high fives and polite conversation they exchanged that night. Now it's not Cory and Mike—it's "Crazy Legs" and "Fat Boy."

"We like to joke around a lot," Boyd said. "I call him 'Fat Boy' because he's got a fat belly and he's short. And he calls me 'Crazy Legs' because I'm tall and I've got skinny legs."

Fat Boy and Crazy Legs have learned to push each other in a form of friendly rivalry. They'll call out the amount of yards they rushed on the field in between plays during games to encourage each other.

"It's like a big brother, little brother relationship," Boyd said. "I'm the starter, paper-wise, so I told him to push me, and to let Brian

Maddox push him."

These competitive running backs have become tight on the field and off, and as it gets deeper into the football schedule, it's clear that both of these players have stepped up in big ways for South Carolina.

Something that Davis has struggled with at USC is having the same success early in the season that he has late in the season.

"He's come a long way since he's gotten to campus," running backs coach Robert Gillespie said. "He just needs to start off the season where he finishes it. He's a tough football player, he's very smart, and he understands the offense—I just think he needs to do what he can to mentally prepare himself to get started earlier in the season."

Davis is clearly taking that advice to heart, as he has been plowing through

defenders in Carolina's first two games this season. Against Louisiana-Lafayette, he rushed for 94 yards, and in South Carolina's upset of Georgia, he rushed for 56 yards. Both Boyd and Davis' runs were crucial in keeping the offense going as the final minutes ticked off the game clock against Georgia.

And if Davis has had this much success so much this early in the season, who knows what he will have achieved by the time that USC meets Florida and Clemson. The possibilities for Davis this season are as wide open as the roads he used to bike his 10-speed home on, back when he and everyone else knew that he had the ability, but no idea just how far it was going to take him.

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Governor's Cup at stake, SEC East race heats up in third week of action

Kyle Kemp
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Last week No. 2 LSU proved their worth by completely dominating, then No. 9 Virginia Tech. Now USC gets a shot at doing the same when they take on No. 14 Nebraska. Also, No. 22 Tennessee travels to No. 5 Florida in an important SEC rivalry game.

10. No. 24 Hawaii at UNLV (9:30 p.m.)

Hawaii's fight to go undefeated survived an overtime scare last week, while UNLV's bid to upset Wisconsin fell a couple of minutes short in a 20-13 loss.

Colt Brennan, Hawaii's Heisman hopeful at quarterback, has already thrown for 964 yards and 10 touchdowns in his first two games. The UNLV defense is decent but not spectacular, so expect Brennan to lead the Warriors to victory.

Score: Hawaii 38 UNLV 27

9. Mississippi State at Auburn (12:30 p.m.)

Auburn has stumbled out of the gate this season and is looking to turn their play around in their SEC opener. Mississippi State has only one SEC victory in each of the past two years.

Quarterback Brandon Cox has really struggled for Auburn, whose offense is in desperate need of a quick improvement after turning the ball over seven times this year. A below average Mississippi State will provide Auburn the offensive tune-up it needs.

Score: Auburn 30 Mississippi State 3

8. Fresno State at No. 19 Oregon (7:00 p.m.)

The Quack Attack struck big against Michigan last week and looks to ride the momentum this Saturday against Fresno State. Fresno State will have to recover physically and mentally after a tough loss to Texas A&M in triple overtime.

Running the dangerous Ducks offense is Dennis Dixon, who leads the team in both passing and rushing yards. The dual-threat quarterback will shred the Bulldog defense in a comfortable win.

Score: Oregon 41 Fresno State 20

7. No. 9 Louisville at Kentucky (7:30 p.m. ESPN

Classic)

The Battle for the Governor's Cup returns to Lexington this year for the annual rivalry match-up between Louisville and Kentucky, a game that will showcase two outstanding quarterbacks.

Kentucky's quarterback Andre Woodson is impressive, but Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm is better and leads a more complete offense. The Cardinals will win another high-scoring affair.

Score: Louisville 48 Kentucky 38

6. No. 10 Ohio State at Washington (3:30 p.m. ESPN)

With early wins over Youngstown State and Akron, Ohio State has now won 15 consecutive games against unranked opponents. The streak could be in jeopardy this weekend when they travel to the west coast to take on the upstart Washington Huskies.

An outstanding Buckeye defense will have to contain Washington quarterback Jake Locker, who runs the ball as well as he throws it. Expect the Ohio State defense to play strong and be the key factor in a tight game.

Score: Ohio State 20 Washington 17

5. No. 16 Arkansas at Alabama (6:45 p.m. ESPN)

Alabama coach Nick Saban won his SEC debut over Vanderbilt last week. It won't be as easy this time as the Crimson Tide face the defending SEC West champion Arkansas Razorbacks.

To be successful, Saban must deal with superstar running back and early Heisman favorite Darren McFadden. The Crimson Tide defense will be able to keep it close, but McFadden will be too much for them in the end.

Score: Arkansas 24 Alabama 20

4. Notre Dame at Michigan (3:30 p.m. ABC)

For the first time in history, both Notre Dame and Michigan have started their seasons with 0-2 records.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis is searching for answers after watching his offense fail to score a touchdown during their first two games.

Michigan quarterback Chad Henne will not play due to an injury. Even with the setback, Wolverine running back Mike Hart guaranteed a win at a press conference this week. Hart will make it

happen, but it will be ugly.

Score: Michigan 16 Notre Dame 14

3. No. 21 Boston College at No. 15 Georgia Tech (8:00 p.m. ESPN2)

Boston College has gotten off to a hot start, grabbing conference victories against ACC foes Wake Forest and North Carolina State. Georgia Tech has had blowout victories at Notre Dame and against Samford.

Quarterback Taylor Bennett and running back Tashard Choice have been key to Georgia Tech's much improved offense. Boston College's Matt Ryan has been great, but will be facing the toughest defense he has seen all year. Georgia Tech is the better team, and it will show in this game.

Score: Georgia Tech 31 Boston College 20

2. No. 1 USC at No. 14 Nebraska (8:00 p.m. ABC)

Coming off of an early bye, USC will travel to Nebraska in one of the weekend's marquee matches. Nebraska had a good showing last week with a 20-17 win over Wake Forest.

The Trojan defense has been hyped as possibly the best in the nation. Nebraska's balanced attack featuring Sam Keller at quarterback and Marlon Lucky at running back will be USC's first real test of the year. The Trojan defense will bend but not break, and USC will win a thriller.

Score: USC 28 Nebraska 24

1. No. 22 Tennessee at No. 5 Florida (3:30 p.m. CBS)

In the week's premiere game, the Tennessee Volunteers will battle the defending national champion Florida Gators. The Vols are coming off of a 39-19 victory over Southern Miss, and Florida beat Troy in a convincing 59-31 decision.

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